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1923 ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage in the past years, and we hope by continued fair treatment and good Glad bulbs to receive a liberal share of your orders in the future.

As we have quite a number of price lists left on hand from last season, we decided to save the expense of a new list and add MORE extra bulbs to our customers' orders.

We are getting quite a number of new seedlings of our own which we shall introduce as fast as we have sufficient stock, so we are finding it necessary to reduce our list of other varieties very materially. Therefore, after this season, and in our next catalog, the present list will be very much revised. But you may depend upon those that you will find reserved, that they will be the best of their class or color.

As some of the retail prices have been lowered since last spring, we will in many cases give two bulbs where one is ordered. We will assure you, you will get your money's worth every time.

Complete cultural directions will be enclosed with each order. Circumstances have made us late in sending out this announcement, so you should send your orders in at once, which shall have our careful and immediate attention. It would also be well to name a second choice, as our stock of some varieties is quite limited.

We would especially call your attention to the new varieties that we have originated and are introducing.

Thanking you, we are cordially yours for more and better bulbs.

J. C. GROSSMAN, Grower and Originator, Wolcottville, Ind.

A NEW COLOR in Gladiolus will be found in the new variety we are introducing this season.

SILVER SHEEN

A blend of colors that gives it a chocolate brown effect, overlaid with a silver sheen.

By the A. G. S. Symposium Committee scale, Mr. Charles E. F. Gersdorff rated this 92, and by the new A. G. S. scale which is made more severe, it rated 88 for exhibition.

Color description (Ridgeway)—Light coral red medial lines; light coral red overlaid aster purple to form a vandyke red effect, deepest of tips and edges, bases lowers naphthalene yellow with lines blotches of garter brown, pistil acajou red, anthers dull violet; silver sheen over all, wide open triangular form. Unusual color and very attractive. Increases rapidly and blooms from bulblets. Blooms medium size, well placed on fine, slender, straight spike. A PRIM hybrid. Bulbs 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

COMMENTS

“.....Of the varieties I got from you last year, I was especially pleased with PURE MAUVE and rank it right up with the **very finest**.....”

....., Elkhart, Indiana.

VELVET BRONZE

“.....Planted April 17, bloomed July 16, height 44 inches, buds 22, blooms open four and five,growth heavy and green, broad leaves resembling iris fronds. Flower stems short, heavy and with long (21 inch) conspicuous flower spikes.Florets perfectly placed, side spikes very numerous, two and three to each spike. When a bulb divided, the result was an astonishing lot of bloom. Of the 157 varieties in the garden, only E. Tabor and Jewell opened before VELVET BRONZE. Florists said the colors were well adapted to their work.As a landscape variety, it would seem to have a great promise, due to its remarkably heavy green foliage, and its long blooming period thru its many side spikes.

PURPLE BUTTERFLY

“.....Planted April 17, bloomed July 23, height 50 inches, width of bloom 3½ inches, form not hooded like nearly all Prims, upper petal facing up. Perfect placement, blooms excellent substance, stem very long and straight, spikes held well above the foliage.An excellent variety for exhibition or cut-flower purposes, while its color alone for a Prim is outstanding. It showed tremendous increase, the ten bulbs producing 31 large bulbs and one pint of bulblets.

“The bulb of MRS. J. C. GROSSMAN did fine, that sure is one fine Prim, but I won't agree with Gersdorff. It should be rated **higher**.”

....., Connecticut.

A prominent amateur grower of Connecticut who tested out 325 selected varieties from ten of the leading introducers last season, ranked our PROFESSOR JAMES TROOP 100, and tied with two others for first place. The average rating of the 325 varieties was 83, and six of our varieties rated 91 and above, and he said: “Your introductions have impressed me most favorably. The growth of PROFESSOR JAMES TROOP was stupendous,—easily the most vigorous of all our varieties.”
